



"NOT WILLING THAT ANY SHOULD PERISH"

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A PRAYER IN APRIL

God grant that I may never be
A scoffer at Eternity;
As long as every April brings
The sweet rebirth of growing things;
As long as grass is green anew
As long as April's skies are blue
I shall believe that God looks down
Upon His wide earth, cold and brown;
To bless its unborn mystery
Of leaf and bud and flower to be;
To smile on it from tender skies
How could I think it otherwise?

Had I been dust for many a year
I still would know then spring was
near;

For the good earth that pillowed me
Would whisper immortality;
And I in part would rise and sing
Amid the grasses murmuring;
When looking on the mother sod
Can I hold doubt that this be God?
Or when a primrose smiles at me
Can I distrust Eternity?

—Sara Henderson Hay

THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Co-Workers:

These beautiful spring days do inspire us to work and at the mid-year meeting our state treasurer reported that new members are being gained. We now have two Ambassadors of Good Will and hope soon to report some Envoys—those gaining five new members. Surely each one has gained one and so become a Courier. Send to our state headquarters for the membership leaflets and for the beautiful awards, and report to Mrs. Wylie. "The King's business requireth haste" and May 1st closes the National Membership drive, although it is always in order to gain new members.

To me the tragedy is that we should have had more Loyal Temperance Leagues all these years and these children would then have grown into active and honorary members of our unions. The children are ready to be organized if we could only get leaders. We must work and pray for leaders. May each union give this earnest consideration right NOW.

The Brewers' Journal recently said: "Not people drinking more beer but more people drinking beer is what we want," and they are teaching our young people how to drink. We must stress pledge-signing and temperance education. Each union should get in touch with its public and Sunday School teachers, offering helps to assist them in this work. These helps may be secured from our state or national headquarters at a small cost and may keep your boy or girl from yielding to the temptation to drink that which intoxicates.

We are getting good reports from those who have used the motion picture film—"Beneficent Probate." Again I tell you this can be secured from the Y. M. C. A. Motion Picture Bureau, LaSalle St., Chicago, Ill., you

paying transportation both ways. We hope soon to be able to purchase one for our own state.

I trust that each of you will listen in on KFJM, Grand Forks, each Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock, to a 15 minute temperance broadcast, featured until and including May 2nd. This is made possible through our Temperance Education Fund which you have sent in. Tell your friends and neighbors to "listen in."

Along with house cleaning, let us clean away the dust and cobwebs that we have accumulated as W. C. T. U. workers. Let us plan Institutes—workers' conferences—where we shall discuss, demonstrate and plan work that will help us grow spiritually, numerically, educationally and financially. If near enough, have two or more unions join in this institute, holding two sessions and taking up at least three departments. Have good singing, round table discussion, and one main address. Invite outsiders. We do not try hard enough to sell our work to the public. It should be a church twin. It is a privilege to be able to work for temperance in our W. C. T. U.

A prominent legislator said recently, in public address, "The younger men in our recent session were more tolerant with the liquor questions" and urged us to intensify our temperance education among coming voters—the children and young people. Let us build the fence at the top of the precipice, not keep the ambulance at its foot.

The brewers are in a campaign to raise \$25,000,000 for advertising liquor to promote drinking and our National W. C. T. U. is in a campaign to raise \$1,000,000 so that through radio broadcasts, motion pictures, road signs, press and literature, we may show people what alcohol is and what it does to the human system. Please see what your union has done. I know that dues and budget are high and many feel that they cannot go "the second mile," but can you not give a little, ask five friends to give something, large or small, informing them of the need, and we shall soon have our quota.

If you cannot give, you can pray that God will work upon the heart of some one who will give in your place.

Good news has come that from the Hay's office have gone orders to remove all scenes of excessive or unnecessary drinking. Jos. I Breen, Production Code Administrator, advised the executive that such action was necessary because of the large numbers of protests he had received from individuals and temperance organizations. This is encouraging. May we claim the many promises of our Heavenly Father for guidance and strength for the opportunities and duties ahead of us!

Prayers and love went out to you all from the mid-year meeting.

With love to all,
Lydia S. Wanner.

NEW COURIERS

Since last month we report the following new Couriers:

Mrs. Gus Skjoiten, Hatton
Mrs. Oscar Staupé, Hatton
Mrs. Victor Landquist, Fargo
Mrs. Myrtle Scabo, Crosby
Mrs. C. E. Erickson, Crosby
Mrs. Lulu W. Zimmerman, Valley City

Mrs. P. D. Wood and Miss Evelyn Wood, Driscoll
Mrs. Aaron Edgerly, Ellendale
Mrs. E. E. Clarke, Ellendale

A Courier is one who gains one new member; an Envoy gains five and an Ambassador gains ten. Mrs. C. A. Landgren, our Ambassador of Good Will, has gained 23 active and 25 honorary members. Our state president, Mrs. Wanner, is promoted into the Ambassador class now. WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

"WELL DONE, GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT"

FARGO is bereft in the passing of life eternal of Miss Alice Duffy who was called to her rich reward Sunday morning March 14. For twenty years as police woman, she rendered a service exceptional and unexcelled. Through her influence hundreds of boys and girls were reclaimed from life of sin to walk the upward way. The presence of many of these at her funeral service was a touching tribute. She was a firm friend and supporter of the W. C. T. U.

"Beautiful toiler, thy work all done:
Beautiful soul, to Glory gone;
Beautiful life! Thy crown now won;
God giveth thee rest."

Mrs. Agatha Breen, a devoted white ribboner of the Sheldon Union, is missed and tenderly remembered by many friends.

SOCIAL MORALITY DEPARTMENT

At last—but we hope not to be used the least—the Social Morality plans for 1937 have arrived. Our new national director is Mrs. Grace Budde of Seattle, Washington. We hope this material may be used. The picture on the front of the plan of work may be used as a gateway to a lesson on this work. Why not put the thoughts in the Plan into a dialogue or question and answer form, assuming the children in the picture are asking the questions? You may have a more workable plan but let us work for Him Who said, "Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God." You will find enclosed also Plans and material on the department of Motion Pictures. Can you use some of it and help carry our work into a bigger field?

Truly wanting to help—
Mrs. J. W. Frisbie, State Director
Dickey, N. D.

A SPRINGTIME QUEST

By Florence Stebbins

"O Wind, why and whither blowest thou?"

The wind only said, "Ask the trees." Each tree, with gently waving bough, Merely said, "Ask the birds and bees."

So to the robin brave and bold,
The first in Spring to dare the cold,
I turned then with questioning lips;
And he said, "When the warm wind tips
The trees with green, it's time to nest."

Then, seeking further on my quest,
I found a bee among some flowers.

"When the soft wind brings gentle showers,"
He said, "the nectar, warm and sweet,
Makes honey fit for kings to eat."

A gay young breeze my answer sings,
"To bring homes for birds, food for kings!"

So—Blow, Wind! blow yon or thither,
Never again will I ask whither!

A LETTER FROM NORWAY

Stavanger, Norway, Feb. 15, 1937

Dear Mrs. Wylie:

I thank you very much for your kind letter of Nov. 6 last year. But I am sorry to tell you that I cannot go to the World's convention as our national union has its meeting in July and it will be impossible for me to go to America and also be at our own meeting.

But I beg to inform you that Norway will be represented by Miss Hallbjorg Friestad, a Norwegian lady who is now in Chicago. She is one of the head sisters at the Red Cross Hospital in Oslo and now will stay in the United States some months to visit several hospitals. She has been in the white ribbon work since she was a little girl. I hope you will write to her. I am so sorry I shall not meet you this summer but I hope we may have the opportunity another time.

I am with kindest regards for you,
Cordially yours,

Katchen Kornelius

(We regret this enforced absence of the President of Norway W. C. T. U. but shall be glad to welcome her alternate, Miss Friestad.—Ed.)

The State Hospital for the Insane at Fergus Falls, Minnesota, reports that alcoholic admissions increased 300 percent the first year of repeal.

Secretary Morgenthau confessed, "Repeat hasn't even put a dent in the operation of the large scale moonshiners and bootleggers."

The leading rule for a man of every calling is Diligence; never put off till tomorrow what you can do today.
—Lincoln.

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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

The National W. C. T. U. has arranged a series of eight broadcasts, one each Sunday afternoon at 5 to 5:15 o'clock, which began March 14 and will be concluded May 2. These are to be given in forty-one states and are paid for from the Temperance Education Fund. The national officers made the best arrangement possible according to the cost. In our state the station selected is KFJM at Grand Forks which is heard in eleven of our eastern counties and as far on the Minnesota side. The stronger stations in the state would have cost so much more that we could not meet the expense.

KFJM is heard in Fargo and as far north as the Canadian border. On the west it extends to Devils Lake, Carrington and Jamestown. We hope you will spread the news and tell every one to listen. This is a part of our temperance program.

Calvin has held a declamatory contest and another is in preparation. An oyster supper was held to raise finances.

JAMESTOWN ENTERTAINS

Arriving at Jamestown the evening of March 17, the general officers were delightfully entertained by the state president, Mrs. Fred M. Wanner in her hospitable home. After dinner a business session was held. Next morning at 9:30 o'clock, members of the state executive committee met in the First Baptist church for the mid-year meeting, the state president presiding. A spirit of cordiality and comradeship was much in evidence during the session.

After a worship service in which many joined, the president brought greetings and half-yearly reports were given by the other officers. The corresponding secretary reported new organizations at Drayton and Driscoll and new Y. T. C.'s at Fairdale and Zahl; two Ambassadors of Good Will and more than twenty Couriers. The state treasurer's report showed more than three-fifths of our \$2500 quota for the Temperance Education Fund raised. Mrs. E. S. Bordwell, state secretary, reported new organizations and increasing interest in the L. T. L. Membership awards were presented to those present.

District presidents and state directors reported. Mrs. J. A. Youngman, president Ransom-LaMoure district, stated that Dickey had petitioned the town council to keep hard liquor out and had succeeded so far. It was voted to present the loving cup this year to the union having the largest net gain in new active members.

The noon luncheon was served by the ladies of the church.

Opening the afternoon session, Mrs. J. W. Frisbie, state director Social Morality led devotions. Mrs. Bessie M. Darling, vice president, as director of Institutes, showed the great necessity and benefit to be derived from such gatherings.

In the enforced absence of Mrs. Geo. Campbell, her excellent paper on "Making Citizenship Christian" was read by Mrs. J. W. Huey, sister of Mrs. Campbell. Stating that "Good that is not in arms is no good" these days, we were advised not to be discouraged by statistics for while there will be a struggle for the next ten years, our work will be successful according to our degree of devotion to the Lord.

A Model Union Signal Report was put on by the officers assisted by Mrs. Bordwell and concluded with a song.

Mrs. Lulu W. Zimmerman, state director Flower Mission and Relief, showed practical ways in which her department may carry on the year around. The Temperance Education Fund was clearly explained by Mrs. Darling who showed that the money is to be issued for radio broadcasts, motion pictures, demonstrations, exhibits, literature, press publicity and in other ways. Miss Rachel Jansick with Mrs. Grattan at the piano, sang; "O, Say but I'm Glad" and "Help Me to Shine Today."

Mrs. C. A. Landgren, Jamestown, who has gained 23 new active and 25 honorary members, told how she loved to contact people, that she tried to use tact, that she never apologized for asking them as she believes this work goes hand in hand with Christian service in the church.

Speaking on Norway, our guest country at the World's Convention in June, Miss Tillie Hilde of the Jamestown Business College gave a graphic picture of that "Land of the midnight sun" from which 37 percent of North Dakota's population has come. She painted beautiful word pictures of its mountain peaks and valleys, fragrant pines and rushing waterfalls, fiords extending inland 100 miles, ship building, silver mining, embroideries, hand woven products, in this land of peaceful people. The government controls the liquor traffic allowing only 5 percent profit to the seller and the

balance goes for charity and roads.

A beautiful vase in blue with wheat design, made by the Ceramics department of the State University, was displayed and will be presented to the representative from Norway at the World's Convention. On the base are the words "To Norway Comrades from the North Dakota W. C. T. U."

"Are We Neglecting the Children?" was the subject assigned Mrs. Bordwell who stated that provision had been made for them when the W. C. T. U. was first organized and that it is our duty to carry out these provisions. She advised pledge-signing, projects, posters, essays, declamations and where leaders cannot be obtained, taking work into S. S. classes. An exercise—"Ten Little Clubmen" was cleverly put on by as many boys and girls, each one exhibiting a copy of The Young Crusader and stating its uses.

Mrs. Fred G. Kneeland, who has conducted a splendid poster contest in the fourth, fifth and sixth grades of the Jamestown schools, introduced six boys and girls who had won prizes which were awarded by Mrs. Wanner.

The invitation of Valley City to hold the state convention there was extended by Mrs. Zimmerman and accepted with a rising vote of thanks.

The Evening Session

A delightful affair was the banquet served at 6:30 by the ladies of the convention church. Rev. W. A. Weyhrauch, pastor First Baptist church, voiced the invocation. Welcomes were extended by Mayor Oscar Zimmerman for the city, Rev. D. D. Jansen for the Ministerial Association, Judge Fred G. Kneeland for the Bar Association and Mrs. John Schmitt for the local union. Selections by the Baptist Sextet of young ladies was enjoyed. Mrs. Wanner was toastmistress.

Adjourning to the main auditorium, Rev. L. R. Burgum, Representative for the Twenty-Third Legislative district gave an interesting address on Legislation in which we were specially interested. He stated that the legislature had not accomplished a great deal as far as temperance legislation was concerned. However, they did pass a bill which forbids liquor in dance halls and another which forbids advertisements of drinking scenes; though they repealed our state law against liquor advertising. We are living in very difficult times. Mr. Burgum introduced the bill for County Option but the sentiment for it was not strong and it was defeated. Next time we must work for state wide prohibition again. The tide is beginning to turn in its favor. We must place more stress on our alcohol education to offset the high-powered advertising of the liquor men. We must organize our counties. The W. C. T. U. can do good work by going into neighboring towns with our programs. "The biggest battle is down the road a little way—I cannot say how far" the speaker said. We must be ready, the Consolidated Drys there have a full-time man in the field. We must cooperate in every possible way.

A delightful program of music was arranged by Mrs. John Baas. Solos by Miss Rachel Dittmer and a duet by Miss Dittmer and Miss Myrtice Mattson, with Miss Ruth Saxvik, accompanist, were much enjoyed.

Mrs. Bessie M. Darling, Grand Forks, who has just returned from a winter on the Pacific coast, gave an informing and inspirational address which was heard with much interest. Mrs. Zimmerman expressed the thanks of the committee to the local people for many courtesies extended.

The motion picture, "Beneficent Reprobate," was much appreciated and was shown through the kind assistance of Rev. Geo. Thomas of the Congregational church and Dr. C. A. Landgren. The benediction was pro-

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Sunday, April 18, comes our second temperance lesson of the year. Any church presenting a program of temperance education in each department four times a year will be known as a "Cathedral of Light" as announced in the Messenger for this department. May North Dakota have many! A veracious adage of old said, "As the twig is bent the tree is inclined." So a temperance fact given in youth may prove an influence on character all along the way.

Too much cannot be said of the importance of giving our boys and girls the scientific approach to the liquor problem. Simple demonstrations unquestioned and convincing, have been prepared for their use and wise leaders in Sunday Schools will make use of them. They are often used in public schools also.

Mrs. W. Harold Sloan, our national director of this department, says "Because of the vital relation of total abstinence to Christian ideals, alcohol education is a most important part of the church curriculum. Devotion to God, service to others, and loyalty to self are impossible in the life of the individual who indulges in alcoholic beverages, for alcohol dulls the finer perceptions of human experience." So let us cooperate with every project for cultivating total abstinence.

It is not enough that we go to our meetings, listen to fine programs and come away feeling SOME ONE must do something to abolish forever this awful traffic in human souls. That some one may be you. There is always something for willing hearts and hands to do. The avenues through which we may work, aside from our own organizations, are the Sunday Schools, week day religious schools, daily vacation Bible schools and any community organization where an influence for high ideals and clean living may be established.

While doing what we can for adult education along scientific temperance lines, our great work must necessarily be with the children and youth of the land. Before their lives have been polluted they must be saved. Oh, yes, we believe in and work for the reform of the drunkard; but greater work must be done to form character than to reform, important though that may be and the material available right now for alcohol education will help to give them an intelligent knowledge of the physical risks they are taking by indulging in liquor in any form.

We grow faint when we think of the influences against our cause but God's work goes on and we have faith to believe ours is a part of God's work.

"And so when all our plans seem un-availing,

When busy hands and throbbing hearts are stilled,

Doubt not rest assured, with faith un-failing,

That if our plans are His they'll be fulfilled."

—Mrs. G. E. Norris, State director 311-9th Ave. So., Fargo, N. D.

Drys won their first round over the 3.2 beer forces in the Kansas Legislature when members of the lower house voted 84 to 38 against a wet amendment to the dry bill, which will set the alcoholic content of beverages at not more than one-half of 1 percent alcohol.

It was the first actual test of dry sentiment since the Kansas legislature convened several weeks ago.

Putting your best foot forward does not mean to kick about everything.

announced by Rev. D. D. Jansen, pastor First Presbyterian church and the meeting adjourned.—B. H. W.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Feb. 15 to March 15, 1937

DUES—Dickinson 7; Sharon 6; Jamestown 25; Cooperstown 8; Hatton 2; Grand Forks 2; Minot 2; Bowesmont 15; Bismarck 1; Fairdale 1; Dickey 6; Sheldon 10; Powers Lake 18; Plaza 3; Driscoll 2; Valley City 20; Lisbon Willard members 5; Y. T. C., Fairdale 14; L. T. L., Dickinson 5; Stady-Zahl 34; Fairdale 26.

BUDGET—Sharon comp. \$10.00; Plaza 50c; Jamestown comp. \$17.00; Hatton comp. \$1.00; Grand Forks \$5.00; Minot \$3.50; Reeder comp. \$16.00; Calvin comp. \$15.00; Epping \$2.00; Grafton \$2.00; Fairdale \$5.00; Valley City \$20.00; Wyndmere comp. \$4.00.

NATIONAL TEMPERANCE EDUCATION FUND—Hillsboro \$10.00; Minot \$1.50; Stady-Zahl \$5.00; Christine comp. \$6.00; Bismarck comp. Miss Bertha Palmer, \$100.00; Fairdale comm. \$7.35; Dickey \$7.50; Wyndmere \$13.00.

STATE REPORTS—Grafton 2; Dickey 3.

PENNY FUND—Lisbon Willard members 5c; Stady-Zahl 20c; Reeder 30c; Stanley \$1.00; Fairdale 25c; Dickey 40c; Sharon 41c; Wyndmere 10c.

HOLD-FAST UNIONS—Bowesmont, Bucyrus, Linton, New Rockford, Upham, Wyndmere.

NATIONAL TEMPERANCE EDUCATION FUND complete—

Sheldon
Grand Forks Scandinavian
Larimore
Bottineau
Gilby
Northwood
James Valley District
Parshall
Steele
Minnewaukan
Hatton
Christine
Bismarck
Bismarck District
Fairdale
Wyndmere

Dear Treasurers:—

I am sorry the list of Hold-fast unions is so very small this year, only six. In going over my books, in order to make out a report for the mid-year meeting, I find that thirty-six unions have not paid any dues at all this year. Will you please get to work at once and collect dues, and send in dues and budget? The membership contest closes May 1st. I hope we shall have quite a number of Fruitful unions by that time, but you will have to work promptly. Please let me hear from you very soon.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. R. B. Reed, Treasurer.
1341 11th Ave. No., Fargo, N. D.

TO MATCH THE LIQUOR TRAFFIC

"To be as new, modern and efficient as the liquor trade is the aim of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union's present educational campaign. Last year it distributed a four-reel sound film entitled "The Beneficent Reprobate," in which appeared no drooling drunks or starving children but a frog named Elmer who passed out in a solution of 5% alcohol. W. C. T. U.'s national president is clever, plump, 65-year-old Mrs. Ida B. Wise Smith. An astute politician and public agitator, Mrs. Smith clicks off such anti-liquor statistics as the following: Rejections of insurance applicants for "heavy indulgence" by Northwestern National Life Insurance Co. increased from 17.6% in the year ending April 1932, to 23.8% in the year ending last April; admissions to Manhattan's Bellevue Hospital for acute alcoholism increased from 7,649

WHAT SHALL WE DO ABOUT IT?

Dear Co-Workers:

To my real regret and also to my great disadvantage, my opportunity for personal contact with you is practically none at all. However, through the printed page and inspiring messages that reach me from some of our leaders, and through prayer and mutual interests, I feel very close to you. I am taking this means of bringing to you some matters which seem of special significance to our cause.

In the tremendous advertising campaign being carried on by the tobacco and liquor interests in many of our leading magazines and journals, no effort is spared, and artistic coloring, beautiful pictures and appealing phraseology, are all used in this insidious attempt to make our people, young and old, liquor conscious, and to create the impression that to make personal use of these liquors is the "proper and sensible thing to do, socially and otherwise. This is a deliberate attempt to debauch our nation, all for the sake of financial gain. What an appalling thought that is!

This is a personal problem to many of us because magazines which have been coming to our homes for years are among the offenders. In fact, as we check on these, we find very few that do not carry such advertising. It has been my practice for many years to pass on to friends and neighbors the magazines I have already read. How can one do this and not become to some extent a medium through whom this advertising matter is distributed? If I feel thus, should I permit them a place on my reading table?

In some instances, portions of serials running in these magazines are now being printed on the reverse of the pages occupied by the liquor ads, thus preventing one from removing the ad before passing on the magazine without defacing it. What shall we do about it? Shall we boycott all magazines running these advertisements? What about cigaret ads? If our organization and other religious groups would protest by discontinuing of these magazines, could we change this? Again comes the question, "Am I my brother's keeper?" I hope to hear some discussion on this question and some effective action if possible.

It occurs to me that our unions might provide teaching material on the temperance question as many teachers are poorly paid and do not feel they can afford to buy it themselves, but would use it if they had it. But this is merely a suggestion.

Let us not forget to pray for guidance. I will quote from a recent book—"Return to Religion" by H. C. Link, Director of the Psychological Service Center of New York City, who says, "Religion is the only unifying and ever present force which can help to solve the inevitable moral and intellectual conflicts of parents, children and society at large. In a world of change and rebellion to authority, God is the only fixed point." Let us trust in Him.

Yours in the service,
Mrs. Flora Day, State Director
Medina, N. D.

in 1934 to about 12,000 last year; arrests for drunkenness in the U. S. skyrocketed from 3.6% of all arrests in 1932 to 15.4% in 1936. Of the efforts of distillers to discourage excessive drinking Mrs. Smith says placidly:

"Every clear-thinking citizen knows that the liquor people in their moderation drives are simply trying to sell more liquor to a greater number of people."—Time

CHILDREN SPEAK AGAIN

Why My Father and Mother Should Vote Against Hard Liquor

Because the saloon has come back in numbers unequalled in American history. Liquor is sold at 500,000 places of business in the United States. Fifty-six percent of the liquor consumed is illegal.

Drunken car drivers make our highways unsafe for the public. An ounce of whisky contains a tablespoonful of alcohol and one pint of 32 percent beer contains slightly more than that amount. 35,000 people were killed in 1935 and over 1,000,000 injured in car accidents, more than were killed in 18 months of the World War. Alcohol paralyzes the higher brain centers and slows down reaction in time.

Crime has increased with 558,774 arrests for drunkenness in 369 American cities. We have the largest federal prison population in our country's history, with one-fifth of the prison population still in their teens. Liquor destroys home life and causes unhappiness and divorce. Love and liquor cannot work together.

—Lyle Lundy, age 12
(We were unable to contact Lyle regarding his splendid essay as no address was given. Can any one furnish it? —Ed)

Homer Steidl, Fargo
Calvary Evangelical S. S. writes:
There are several good reasons why my father and mother should vote against hard liquor. First, because of us, their children, who were dedicated to the Lord. Second, it brings misery—Proverbs 23:20, 21. Third, liquor is poison—Isaiah 5:11. Fourth, drink makes folks quarrelsome—Romans 13:13. Fifth, Drink makes men fools—I Sam. 25:33-38. Sixth, drink leads to murder—I Kings 16:8-10. Seventh, the drink habit makes us slaves—Romans 6:16-23.

In these reasons we find that hard liquor destroys our bodies, weakens our morale, mars and tears down character and damns our souls.

THE DEVIL'S FIRST LIE

In a recent sermon with above title from the text—"Ye shall not surely die," Dr. Roy L. Smith of Los Angeles said: "Three years ago and a little more, the United States of America, believing the old lie, accepted the promises of one candidate who promised to wipe out the prohibition laws. He told us that if we would legalize the business, our deficit would be wiped out, our taxes would be lightened, our men would be put back to work. I call upon you, here and now, to witness the salvation! I call upon you to stand with me there before the door of that cocktail lounge and see the number of American women and girls lined up before the bar, making drunkards out of mothers and potential mothers, in order to balance the national budget. Then tell me that this promise, "Ye shall not surely die" is trustworthy. I tell you it is a lie!

Some one sat in the moving picture house the other night and two little girls, under twelve, watched one of the drinking scenes portrayed there. Finally one of them leaned over to the other and said "Good old So and So beer." God have mercy on a nation that is making beer guzzlers out of twelve year old girls! Then tell me that the devil has not lied to us about the whole liquor business. We have debauched our youth, our political life, our social manners and there is scarcely a state in the union that does not have its liquor scandal. Our substance is being wasted. It is all because that same old lie is being believed again. . . . The law still holds—You cannot play with the moral order of the universe without paying the cost of death."

WHERE THERE'S A WILL THERE'S A WAY

The Youth's Temperance Council of Fairdale has nineteen members five of whom are boys. They meet twice a month and are studying "That Awful Ethel." To raise their dues, they each paid ten cents, secured honorary members at 25c each; held candy and popcorn sales; had a sleigh ride and party, charging each guest five cents—and raised their dues! They have members from six churches and expect to reach another where they are helping with programs at young people's meetings. Miss Alice Tobiasson is the capable and resourceful leader. Ruth Mundahl is president; Junis Amundrud vice president; Florence Lam, corresponding secretary; Orando Amundrud, recording secretary and Marian Dike treasurer.

Mrs. J. S. Fattlar is leader of the lively L. T. L. of 26 members who meet once a month with lesson and program. They have just completed "Here's Health to You" and will study "Answers to Alcohol" next. The children assist with the programs. They had a Christmas party with a treat from the leader. For the February meeting they matched broken candy hearts for lunch partners and the leader served valentine cookies. They denied themselves of treats one week and sent \$1.50 to Red Cross for flood relief. At the April meeting there will be a surprise program, at the May meeting a Mother's Day program etc. A picnic is held in summer. Scrap books of pictures, poems and jokes are made for the Grafton hospital.

STADY-ZAHL union met with Mrs. H. S. Robinson, Mrs. Ellen Berg assisting hostess. Teachers of the Zahl schools were present as guests. Five new members were reported for the L. T. L. which will be supervised by Mrs. Rex Haug, a new member. The Y. T. C. also has new members and their leader is Mrs. Ellen Berg. The girls are making fancy articles for sale such as holders, towels and cushions. Mrs. Clarence W. Lee is president of the Stady-Zahl union.

CROSBY union has been in "labors more abundant." They have met regularly in spite of the weather, with good attendance. Jan. 4 they had the World's Penny Party; Jan. 18 was Guest Day and Feb. 22 they entertained their husbands at a Washington Birthday Party in the spacious farm home of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Olson. The program committee, Mrs. Braatelin and Mrs. Scabo, arranged a program of games in which all took part. Mrs. Nott was chairman of the refreshment committee and a very delicious lunch was served. Mrs. Phelps, as transportation chairman, arranged for plenty of cars to take the members, and the ride in the moonlight was much enjoyed.

Mrs. Julia D. Nelson, for thirty-nine years the faithful and beloved president of the Fargo Scandinavian union, has resigned because of ill health, and is now at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Walter F. Berg, Sumner, Iowa, where she will be glad to hear from her friends. Mrs. Nelson has given to the temperance cause her life-long devotion and the splendid Scandinavian union, the largest in the state, is a constant tribute to her untiring leadership.

Our members, at their March meetings, have listened with interest to the reading of Miss Palmer's Broadcast on Alcohol Education and we hope many have reported to her something learned. At the last meeting of the Fargo union, the broadcast was given by Mrs. R. E. Fate and Mrs. M. T. Steidl. Miss Jessie Hill gave a reading and Mrs. D. A. McLeod and Mrs. J. F. McGrann were hostesses.

This is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith!

By Bishop Charles Edward Locke
(Written Especially for the National Voice)

Why has there been persistent throughout the centuries this long opposition to alcohol as a beverage? Because there is something in human nature which is inimical to human welfare,—to high civilization.

It is a dehydrating, protoplasmic poison, a habit-forming narcotic drug, a noxious commodity. It develops a consuming thirst, which allures and enslaves, and at length bestializes and disintegrates.

Because the liquor business is nefarious and devastating it has been subject to regulation by civilized nations for thousands of years, even as far back as the code of Hammurabi, King of Babylon and law-giver, 2300 years before Christ.

The liquor traffic is utterly lawless, mendacious, sinister, and repugnant. The Eighteenth Amendment is repealed, but nature never repeals. Its implacable penalties are unrelenting and pitiless, no pardons, no reprieves, it is inescapable. Like the avaricious Shylock it claims "the pound of flesh," equally exacting. It is "denominated in the bond."

Dr. Charles Mayo of the famous Rochester Clinic says, "You can get along with a wooden leg, but not with a wooden head; it is the brain that counts," and alcohol devastates the brain. Therefore, this superskilled, masterful surgeon is a total abstainer.

Prohibition began January 16, 1920. It was repealed December 5, 1933. The resumption of liquor traffic is a preposterous debacle, an ignoble anachronism, an orgy of frustration, a return of mediaevalism. It was not the repeal of the ravages of liquor, as the President promised. We still have it in a more virulent obnoxious and more satanic form.

Professor Irving Fisher of Yale says, "Prohibition at its worst was better than any license system." Repeal for recovery which was the President's specious argument, is a seduction saturnalia, a satirical force, an illogical plausibility, unethical, contrary to rectitude, altogether bad and vicious, and is producing frustration and catastrophe, a mad orgy of dissipation and drunkenness.

To collect a revenue from the predatory and fiendish liquor traffic is most reprehensible—"blood money!" A national stultification, humiliation and immorality. Just as well collect a revenue from murderers, and seducers and kidnapers—all in the business of debauching and devastating our fellow men.

President Roosevelt, in advocating repeal, promised to protect dry territory, to prevent the saloon, to promote the cause of temperance and vastly increase the revenue all of which, except the last, has ignominiously failed. It would be ludicrous if it were not so horrendous and tragic.

The admission of alcoholics in California mental hospitals increased 156 percent in 1936 as compared with the dry year of 1930.

Traffic accidents are going up with leaps and bounds. A careful survey reveals the startling fact that 75 percent of the people injured and killed were in what is termed "alcoholic accidents."

The crime statistics are appalling. The population of federal penal institutions advanced in 1935 from 12,201 to 15,417, the largest increase of any year in the nation's history. The American Prison Association reported in its recent Chicago convention that

in 1936 there was an increase of 6000 in prison population.

Is this part of the President's program?

What is just ahead of us? Is it within the range of possibilities that the President will reverse himself and publicly acknowledge his overwhelming blunder? The records would justify him—has he Christian fortitude?

It is our unwavering confidence that all evil is temporary and that whatever ought to happen will happen.

It is the obligation of the strong noblesse oblige to protect and defend the weak.

The ravaging situation produced by practically free liquor must end because there is a stalwart integrity and idealism which will not permit our country to be diabolically exploited by the liquor traffic. There is a great reserve throng of upright, sober, patriotic, outraged citizens, who will in due time assert themselves as they did in the human slavery days, and bring another Emancipation to a vast number of enslaved fellow citizens.

"This is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith."

AMAZING FACTS REVEALED

In the March of Time

"Enemies of Alcohol," one of the featured episodes in the new March of Time is a deft and scrutinizing picture filled with news-worthy facts which will startle the many millions of Americans who believe that traffic in illicit liquor disappeared with Repeal.

Thus Charles H. Findley, of the March of Time Publicity Department, describes the new feature in the current program which will be shown in moving picture houses throughout the country during these next three weeks, March 7-28.

The picture demonstrates, Mr. Findley tells us, "that, for all its success, the booming liquor industry is not as securely established as its leaders might hope, and it is here that the March of Time reveals some truly amazing facts.

"Few persons, for example, will have realized that today the government force required to combat bootlegging is larger than it was during Prohibition. Four thousand agents are kept busy trying to protect the legal industry from the menace of untaxed competition, while every large city supports a staff of experts to analyze cheap, low-grade whisky with which bootleggers refill standard bottles.

"Equally surprising is the extent of the fake-label racket which the film brings to light. Most startling of all, however, is the estimate that nearly half of the liquor sold in the United States is supplied by bootleggers—even though Federal agents are raiding illegal distilleries at the rate of 300 a week.

"Forced to protect their seven-billion-dollar investment, the whisky makers themselves are recorded asking for moderation."

Mr. Findley's last statement is confirmed by the press report of the convention held in Chicago the last week of February, by the National Retail Liquor Package Stores Association and affiliated groups. Said John A. Moreno, chairman of the convention and vice-president of the Association, "... for the protection of the liquor industry our organization will promote an intensive campaign to teach our customers how, when, and what to drink." —Educational Press Bureau.

SOPHISTICATE

By Zona Gale
(Condensed from the Christian Century of March 3rd)

The young and charming girl, in a shining cocktail jacket, sat having a cocktail in the ornate cocktail bar, at the cocktail hour, that pause in the day's occupation, she observed as a ritual. They had been saying something about Paris—and every nook and corner that was mentioned, she knew. There was word of some unfrequented village on the French Riviera, and she knew it well, too. London—shops, hotels, gossip—she had them all. She knew everything; but ask the simplest facts related to this that she was so busy about, and the answer would be a tolerant: "I wouldn't know."

What of it that alcohol is not a stimulant but a narcotic—that medicine classes it with opiates, that with even a little taken, some of the brain goes to sleep? What of it that alcohol is rated by medicine as a toxin, decreasing resistance to germ attack and undermining power to throw off disease? What of it that children to be born will have less vigor, less vitality, less power to meet life because the mother or father has done what "everyone else is doing." Tiresome to know these things. Bad taste to talk about them. Yet Johns Hopkins and Harvard and Yale and the Mayos—they all will talk about it, if one asks them. Instead of asking, any cocktail lounge will cry, with one voice: "But of course we know when to stop." In that case, they must stop before they begin. For the young and charming Thing must remember that any amount puts some of the brain to sleep.

Sophisticate—and she knows practically everything else but this!

LIFE BEGINS AT SEVENTY

Threescore years and ten.—Ps. 90: 10.

Between the ages of 70 and 83, Commodore Vanderbilt added about 100 millions to his fortune.

Kant at 74 wrote his Anthropology, Metaphysics of Ethics, and Strife of the Faculties.

Tintoretto at 74 painted the vast Paradise, a canvas 74 by 30 feet.

Verdi at 74 produced his masterpiece, Otello; at 80, Falstaff, and at 85 the famous Ave Maria, Stabat Mater, and Te Deum.

Lamarck at 78 completed his great zoological work, The Natural History of the Invertebrates.

Oliver Wendell Holmes at 79 wrote "Over the Teacups."

Cato at 80 began study of Greek.

Goethe at 80 completed "Faust."

Tennyson at 83 wrote "Crossing the Bar."

Titian at 98 painted his historic picture of the "Battle of Lepanto."—Excerpts from "The Golden Book," in the Reader's Digest.

NORTH CAROLINA GOVERNOR GIVES HIS VIEWS ON LIQUOR

"I am not a fanatic on the liquor question, but I continue to regard liquor as Public Enemy No. 1," declared Gov. Clyde R. Hoey, in his recent inaugural address as Governor of North Carolina.

"I have not changed either my opinion or position on this question," he said, "and I do not believe any solution has been found for this vexing problem. Personally, I cannot subscribe to the doctrine that the way to advance the cause of temperance and decrease drinking is to provide all the liquor you want and make it easily obtainable and readily accessible. You will never build a great state or a great country upon profits derived from the sale of liquor."

THIRD YEAR OF REPEAL

The wet press, fattening on its liquor advertising, is publishing only what it has to publish about the ravages of alcohol. There is now no flamboyant exposure of rampant evils, no front-page featuring of drunkenness and crime and death, no editorial howling to high heaven over "appalling conditions." Yet if the liquor news was handled yesterday, this nation would get a shock that would carry us back to prohibition in a year. The newspapers, aided and abetted by an acquiescent government went out to "get" the eighteenth amendment—and they succeeded. Now they are keeping as quiet as possible about the evils of a traffic highly profitable to their exchequers. But the news breaks through in spite of everything!... It will profit nothing to go on, year after year, repeating a story which is now as familiar as it is disgusting and alarming. We have given repeal three years to prove, itself, and it has failed, just as every sane and instructed mind knew it would fail. What idiocy to think that the licensed liquor traffic, uncontrolled and uncontrollable, would do anything other than what it has always done—namely, overwhelm society with indecency, misery and crime. Now the record is written once again. The facts are in. There waits only that action upon the facts which will drive liquor from point to point till the land once more is free.

Not the failure of repeal but the fight to get rid of it has now become the important issue. That fight is well started, and will be pressed with ever increasing effectiveness. Would that all our social problems these days were as certain of drastic and prompt solution!

—John Haynes Holmes, in Christian Century, November 25, 1936.

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